

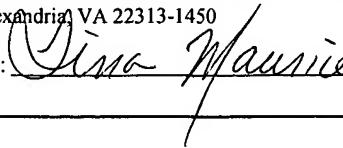


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Patent Application

Applicant(s): Azadet et al.
 Case: 14-6
 Serial No.: 10/022,659
 Filing Date: December 18, 2001
 Group: 2631
 Examiner: Anika F. Talapatra

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Signature:  Date: September 12, 2006

Title: Method and Apparatus for Joint Equalization and Decoding of Multilevel Codes

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in conjunction with the Amendment.

In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated June 12, 2006, please amend
25 the above-identified patent application as follows: